

bed.

Sledge.

thousand.

one are you in?

money involved?"

"Short terms."

when the profits begin."

the people a voice.

as franchises.

things.

franchise legislation."

Sledge informed him.

politics forever.

better invest."

"Million."

"Sure!" agreed Sledge

"Well, what's new?" asked Allerton.

"Street car business," returned

"I see we have two companies down

home," remarked Allerton, "Which

"New one. Seven hundred and fifty

"Whew!" whistled Allerton. "Any

"All cash," Sledge told him. "On the

"You must have a good outlook,"

"Naw!" repudiated Sledge. "It's rot-

"I thought you held easily salable

"They're no good," insisted Sledge.

"That's right," agreed Allerton, be-

in this state can be granted for twenty

cil. I suppose your new franchises are

"Uh-hunh!" assented Sledge. "That's

"It's a dangerous thing to tackle,"

"It might be attractive," considered

the senator. "How much stock do you

he was to private and personal discus-

sions involving comfortable figures.

was startled at the sound of that word

"That listens very cheerfully," he

conceded. "Do you suggest that I-buy

up-that amount of stock for myself in

the various street car companies of the

state or that myself and friends should

"Hundred thousand extra for them."

responded Sledge with the promptness

Allerton spent some minutes in quiet

"There's the legal business, too,"

"That's so," agreed Allerton, "An at

"Take my hand, will you, Sledge?"

Sledge sat down and fingered Buck-

lev's chips while he drank at his beer,

vin T. Luther as he presently dealt the

and I think he plays crooked myself.

"Hope you break him," observed Cal-

"House committee!" yelled Franchise

Sledge looked at his eards and put in

"Keep your seat, Sledge." he observ-

ed as he nodded to Cap Digglesby,

Sledge's bitterest and most re'entless

sentatives

club together for that amount?"

"Fifty year franchises-free."

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Arranging a Little Protection For the People.

HAT sterling friend of the populace, that stalwart defender of the rights and the morals and the welfare and the purses of his admiring constituents, that vociferous choice of the people. State Senator Allerton, was discovered by Sledge in the act of serving the public interests by playing poker in the rooms of Assemblyman Buckley, and with these two conscientious patriots, deep niso in the exercise of their duties to the commonwealth, were the very men Sledge wanted to see-Franchise Wal- level." ters, who was heavy set, but not fat, and who looked like a prosperous shoe | wondered Aderton. merchant, and old Pop Gresham, the zed eyed administration wheelhorse ten! No franchises. from Pickerel county, and Calvin T. Luther, the ministerial looking profan- ones, from what I saw in the papers," ity expert, and Cap Digglesby, the puzzled Allerton. "If you haven't, avowed and professedly bitter enemy however, you can easily get them from of Sledge, whose every white whisker the city council." was needed as a calendar for his many honorable scars of forensic battle.

It was Cap Digglesby who was the first to hall the visitor as he entered ginning to see the light. "Franchises

"Hello, malefactor of great wealth," years and are renewable in ten year he called. "Have you a spare queen of periods at the option of the city counclubs about your person?"

"I'm shy on queens," confessed for twenty years." Sledge, looking down with indifference at the game be played so indifferently.

Buckley, I'm dry, "Bent you to it, old man." replied Buckley easily. He was a spore person, with the neatly combed appearance of a dancing master, but with intensely clear eyes and deep creases in his cheeks. "I sent word to the bar as soon .

as the phone announced you. Your

stein will be right up." "Thanks!" grunted Sledge, and considerately fell to estimating the jack-

Allerton, a smooth featured man with a good forehead and a smiling eye, picked up the two cards which had been deait him, compared them judically with the three he held, folded them together with minute care and tucked them neatly under the deck. Looking up, he caught the coldly disinterested eye of Sledge. Every man of the six at the table had tried that same thing, but Allerton was the only one who succeeded. Sledge, pausing to inspect carelessly the bountifully arranged sideboard, moved into the adjoining room. Allerton arose from pose that might just as well retire from the table.

Deal me out for a couple of rounds." he suggested. "Buckley, watch my stack. There's twenty-three fifty in it, and reflected, and Pop Gresham's pile is mighty

Pop Gresham took ten blues from edged, Allerton's assortment and added them to bis own

"Charge me ten from your friend's treasury, Buckley," he chuckled, with

= think I should secure?"

COULD NOT LIFT HIS PITCH FORK

David Rice, Farmer, Makes Interesting Statement About Former Trouble.

TANLAC RELIEVED HIM.

"Tanlac has made a new man of of a man who has done all his figuring me," said David Rice, a well known beforehand. farmer who resides near Decatur on Rural Route No. 6. Mr. Rice has a thought. great many friends in the vicinity in which he lives. He made a most in- Sledge reminded him teresting statement recently in regard to his improved condition and torney who is also a large stockholder spoke most enthusiastically of the could control that clientage. Suppose I "Master Medicine." He continued: see Buckley about this? Send him in,

"I have been ill for some time with will you?" rheumatism and nervousness. I suf- Appreciating the convenience of havfered intense pain and was unable to ing no witnesses to conversations sleep soundly at night. On damp days which so intimately concern the servmy theumatism was especially severe ing of the public, Sledge loafed out and gave me a great deal of trouble. and stood nonchalantly over the table. My condition reached such a state that The five men looked up at him keenly, I was unable to raise a pitch fork the but Sledge was staring into Cap Digpain was so great.

"I tried a number of remedies, but deal and glanced up again. He immewas unable to obtain any great relief. diately arose. I saw this Tanlac medicine advertised some time ago, but doubted very much he begged, and he removed Sledge's if it was what I needed. I noticed stein from the sideboard to the table. where a great many people were being benefited by the use of Tanlac and there were some whom I knew. I felt so badly one day that I decided to try a bottle of Tanlac and see if it would cards "Buckley's too all fired lucky, not relieve me.

"I wish I had purchased it sooner for I would have saved myself a great Walters. "That's unclublike language." deal of suffering. After taking some of the medicine I felt better than I chips and drew and bet with the air of had in months. Now the pain which a man who is confirmed in the opinion bothered me for so long has entirely that the general average will "get" a disappeared and I rest much easier at square player in the end, no matter night. Taniac certainly fitted my case how he guards himself, and, since not and I can heartily recommend it to caring whether he won or lost Buck-

anyone who is suffering as I was." ley's chips, he bet the same on a flush Taniac was designed especially to as he did on a pair of deuces. He had go direct to the seat of the very trou- increased Buckley's stack slightly when ble Mr. Rice suffered with. Many sim- that gentleman returned. Sledge was tlar cases are being recited in Illinois about to rise, but Buckley sat in Allerdaily, and the fame of Tanlac is ton's place instead. spreading to the most remote sections of the country.

Tanlac, the "Master Medicine," is now being sold in Rock Island at foe on the floor of the house of reprethe Riess pharmacy .- (Adv.)

Digglesby. "I want to stretch my legs | company for more than its capitalizaa few minutes, and a four handed poker game is about as exciting as a prayer meeting."

Digglesby walked around the room two or three times and looked at the patriotic pictures with which the walls were plentifully decorated for the benefit of Buckley's earnest constituents. then he sauntered into the hall and stretched his legs into the next room, where the senator, in deep thought,

Digglesby returned to the poker game by and by, and as he sat down smiled cheerfully at Buckley. Buckley. who had been playing casino, seven-upand pinochle with his poker cards and making a mad havoc in Allerton's chips in consequence, immediately drew a pair to his triplets and "bet his head off" with keen zest.

Digglesby gave no sign or glance at Sledge, but nevertheless, after another deal. Sledge arose stolidly from the table, and, without making any bones about it, walked directly into closing the door carefully behind him the bedroom. Allerton was lounging and sitting on the edge of Buckley's in a cushioned window sill, smoking a elgarette, and with his foot pushed the big leather rocker around to a more

inviting position.

"The old veteran found a way," he comfortably explained. "If we attempted to railroad a bill empowering the granting of fifty year franchises without remuneration it would be snowed under so quickly that the teller couldn't keep track of the votes. There aren't ten men in the capitol building who would dare go home to their constituents if they supported such a measure."

"Sure not," agreed Sledge. "Never let anybody do anything in a law. Keep 'em from it."

"That's the idea," assented Allerton "Restrictive legislation. The people are strong for that just now, anyhow Digglesby's idea is to call the act 'A bill for the protection of municipalities against the monopolistic perpetuity of street car companies."

"Great!" approved Sledge, "It sounds fierce if they get it. I don't myself. but I know it's against the monopo-

"It's almost harsh with them," dryly commented Allerton, "The bill will restrict the car companies to a painful



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to the metal offense Even the seasoned senator, used as

DOES YOUR LIVER HAVE TO BE JOLTED BEFORE IT WILL ACT?

If so, You are in Danger-**Quit Taking Purgatives**

The habit of constipation is what ages young people and often makes people show their age so plainly in face, in loss of the faculty for quick, clear thinking and in acquiring a strained or hard expression, and an irritable and people.

More often than is realized it is the More often than is realized it is the

More often man main thing responsible for such man thing responsible for such man as hemorrhoids, gall stones and the as hemorrhoids, gall stones and the as hemorrhoids disorders of liver,

more serious disord stomach and kidneys. stomach and kidneys.

Lack of proper exercise is partly responsible for this condition, but one or the other of two things must bear much of the responsibility. Neglect is one of them—the sufferer is either afraid to "dose up," as they say, with constipation cures, or else they don't pay enough attention to the matter to look for relief. If neglect is not the cause, then the taking of too much medicine is. They have taken so much calomel or other habit-forming or mineral purgatives that they've got their livers and bowels into the habit of waiting to be joited before they will act. And, as it takes a harder joit each time to produce results, they've got to increase the dose constantly to get the effect.

The only possible way to persuade glesby's hand. Buckley finished his

The only possible way to persuade these organs to resume the work nature intended they should perform naturally every day of your life is to make them healthy themselves; in other words, to care them of the drug habit—this continual taking of pills or potions for their poor old liver—Salko Liver Tonic is recommended for such conditions.

conditions.

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"Yes, keep it five handed." urged on the part of the officers to bond a tion.

> Sledge chuckled. "The bankers' convention will indorse that," he said.

"The bill will prevent street railway companies from running open or summer cars when the thermometer is be- | p. m. low 40 degrees F. It will prevent the running of winter cars without double glass protection for the motormen. It will be made illegal to have more than one strap in every eighteen inches of Three Saturday and Sunday, at 2:45, space. It will be made illegal for a full car to run by a signaling pedestrian, and it will be made illegal, although this will be scattered in three or four places in the bill, and surrounded with a lot of ambiguous language, for any franchise to be granted for as long a period as fifty years." "That's the talk." nodded Sledge.

'Restrictive legislation." "I thought you could get along with forty-nine years and eleven months," stated Allerton. "Moreover, I think we can frame the bill to protect the peo-

"Can you slip it through?"

"Digglesby thinks so, although he agrees with me that about six months after it's done somebody will explain it so that the voters will understand it. and the man who fathers it will have his name chiseled alongside Benedict Arnold's."

"He's dead," commented Sledge, with keen philosophy.

"Exactly," coincided Allerton, with a philosophy which, though unexpressed, was still keener. "There's only one political post of any worth which would be open to him after the prejudiced public had its erroneous judgment pernanently fixed."

"The senate," guessed Sledge "The United States senate," firmly reented Allerton, looking Sledge squarey in the eye. "That's the one place which political opprobrium cannot

each a man. Sledge studied long and carefully and nade some painstaking readjustments, n order to make a place for one man had to do considerable shifting on is political chessboard and eventually ush a pawn off the edge.

"I'll see what can be done about but," he promised.

"That matter being clearly undertood as well as the others we menoned-the legal representation and se amount of stock I am to acquire-I hink the bill a feasible one and the gislation to be exactly such as is Women and Song;" "The Girl." eeded by Sie changing requirements f our modern civilization."

"Applause," observed Sledge, develding an unexpected turn for repartee. Will Digglesby fight the bill himself?" "No; he'li put Bailey Cooper on the ob," grinned Allerton, "This will be ay too. That young spellbinder is etting too wise. Digglesby's almost fraid of him now.

"Can't we get him?" asked Sledge. "No chance," regretted Allerton. He's too young yet."

"Don't risk him." warned Sledge. "Leave it to Digglesby and Buckadvised Allerton, "They know belley like a book. They know what e thinks when he locks himself in bls com, and he'll tear into this bill as if e were fighting the devil himself, face a face. After he gets through the real rgument will begin, and anything anyriends.

Sledge.

ound up and organize the best paying the surroundings humorous. Kenstreet car corporations in the state." Siedge looked out of the window in ilence which seemed almost moody. "So long," he said, and left by way

Meanwhile Bozzam and Timbers were having their troubles. Two big, husky Columbia is the Empire Comedy Four. men who looked as if they might be rimary leaders jostled them one day and told them they had better leave town. When they protested mildly the nessed "Madame X" at the Spencer huskies snarled and finally gave them Square in spite of the bad weather. twenty-four hours to pack up. They "Madame X" is truly one of the packed strongest of the popular dramas thus

(Continued next Saturday.)

FUR AUCTION BEING HELD IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 26.-More than ,000 buyers are attending the first fur fut husband, is bound to stir the emoauction ever held here. In all 875,000 tion of all who witnessed it. Through skins are to be sold and the appraised long years of suffering and separavalue is \$1,500,000. The first day's sale yesterday realized more than \$300,000.

her coming into her own not too late The offering consisted chiefly of beaver, otter, fisher and foxes. The for her own joy but too late for her highest price of the day was \$410 for husband who really forced the years a silver fox skin. Average prices were: Beaver, extra large \$10:85; small and medium beaver \$5.65; southern otter \$8.50; South American otter \$2.25; extra large fisher \$23,50; medium and small fisher \$19.80; wolverines \$7.40; ross fox \$16; red fox, numbers I and 2, \$8; and red fox \$5.35.

SHIP PASSES OVER UNDERSEA VOLCANO was part of her stock in trade to lure

San Francisco, Jan. 26.-Pumice stone, presumably from a submarine disturbance, mingled with the waves which battered the Oceanic Steamship company's liner Sierra during a hurricane three days out from Sydney, N. S. W., according to a report made by the captain of the steamer today. Captain Koughan said that a few hours great expense. before leaving Sydney Jan. 5, it was reported to him that seismographs there registered violent disturbances at sea. The Sierra, he said, must have passed over the seat of the volcanic way case will be finished today, it was outbreak. For hours the ship was in a sea of pumice, pieces varying in size Webber, vice president of the comfrom a marble to a silk hat, being pany, testified that he was only a thrown on deck by the waves.

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Saturday-Alice Brady in "The Rack," (World.)

MAJESTIC.

Wednesday and Thursday-Dorothy Gish in "Jordan Is a Hard Road." Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle in "Fatty and the Broadway Stars."

Friday-Marguerite Clark in "Still Waters.' Saturday-Mary Pickford in "Madame Butterfly."

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Wednesday-"The Prisoner at the Bar." Thursday - "The Broadway feature.

Friday-"The Woman of Mystery." Saturday-"Brought Home," with Ruth Stonehouse; Charles Chaplin comedy.

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Wednesday-"On the Level," with Herbert Rawlinson; "Diamond From the Sky": "Tears and Sunshine." "Such a Princess," Thursday

'Disfigured, But Discovered." Friday-"John Glayde's Honor," five acts.

Parson of Pine Mountain," "Promissory Notes.

BLACK HAWK.

Wednesday-Arnold Daly in "The Menace of the Mute;" "Hats is Hats." Thursday-"The Second Son;" "Cartoon On a Yacht."

Friday-G. M. Anderson in "Wine, Saturday "The Truth About Helen;" "Romantic Reggie."

AT THE COLUMBIA. Four acts out of five were booked before many months had elapsed she at the Columbia so that the people of was acknowledged by every one enthe tri-cities could have a solid week gaged at the studio to be one of the bout the last time he can be used that of laughter. "Junior Follies" furnish- best actresses there. While she aped the laughs the first half week. The pears principally in tragic roles, she show opening tomorrow has for its has been featured in comedies more feature Fay, Two Coleys and Fay, the than once, and can be just as funny blackface quartet who have just re- as she can be sad. Miss Marsh weighs cently returned from abroad. The act 106 pounds, is slight, has large gray starts off with a laugh and continues eyes and brown hair. on its humorous way for 20 minutes. Their singing is a notable part of the act. The Gardner Trio, two sisters and Russian dancer, has had her first exa brother, will be seen in a series of perience in cinematography, and has novelty and society dances that are ex- personally witnessed her debut in the ceptionally well executed. This is the silent drama with considerable satonly act on the bill where comedy is isfaction over her first effort, she has shy. They make up for this, however, become so enthused that she is perby style and grace. Inez McCauley & sonally working on a Nippon love sun-burned, freekled face and bur ody else says against it will sound abby. After that we'll bury the bill a committee until there's something witty and brilliant and the situations complete before the end of the presseiting in the house, split in the fifty funny. The act appeals especially to ent theatrical season. Then she will car franchise amendment and pass the people who have seen and eaten in go over the scenario with Lois Web- should know how to do two or three he thing some rainy afternoon when of the many Childs restaurants. The er, her personal director of photo- things so that if one should fall, on abody's in the house but invited Van Der Keors, "Quack Illusionists," plays, and they will then put on an would have something to fall but have a side splitting act. Their intro- original production for the Universal upon," says the charming star a "How long will it take?" inquired duction of "Felix," the mind reading far exceeding even the massive pro- Thanhouser (Mutual) pictures. duck being exceptionally funny. The duction of "The Dumb Girl of Por-"About as long as it will take you to act carries its own scenery to make tici." nedy & Buck will offer a singing savorced," which seldom fails to get many laughs from the people who know the trials and tribulations of

AT SPENCER SQUARE.

Last evening a large audience wit-

far screened. The play consists of the

original cast as produced by Henry W. Savage, including Dorothy Donnelly,

who created the title role of "Madame

X." The grief and suffering of a wo-

man forced on life's hard road, not so

much through her own wrongdoing as

that of an unrelentless and neglect-

tion the strong mother love still pre-

dominates, revealing the truer nature

of "Madame X." In the end we find

of suffering upon her, to make amends

for his untimely mistake. "Madame X"

AT THE MAJESTIC.

"The Winged Idol," which will be

presented at the Majestic today and

tomorrow, is lavishly staged. The

script provided that as a Russian seer-

es of great wealth, Katherine Kaelbred

should have a gorgeous apartment. It

people of wealth to her abode. Thomas

H. Ince recognized the need of mak-

ing them attractive and at the same

time reflecting the splendor and lav-

ishness that would be typical of the

apartments of a wealthy Russian ad-

venturess. To accomplish the desired

effect Russian furniture, hangings,

rugs and painting were imported at

Finish Railway Case Today.

hearing the Atlantic Southern Rail-

said when court reconvened. Deroo

"nominal stockholder." It is proposed

to show that Robert Abeles, the plain-

stock.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 26. The

will be shown again tonight.

tire on "Engaged, Married and Di- how to run a typowriter, "Everyone against snobbishness, married life. Coming Sunday at the

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the movies"-that is what they say of pretty Mae Marsh of Griffith Triangle fame, and it certainly is a face capable of wonderful expressions. But wihle sad in many of the pictures, it is a winsomely merry little countenance when Miss Marsh is not at work. Miss Marsh, when she appeared at the Biograph studio some years Saturday-"The Icle Rich." "The ago, was, however, not the attractive person she is at the present day. Her best friends say that she was ungainly and awkward, wore her hair plastered tight to her head and tied in two pigtails down her back. She was sunburned and freckle faced and altogether not what any director would have been apt to choose for his star of stars. Mr. Griffith is the possessor a miraculous intuition and he saw what lay behind. She was installed as a member of the Biograph company and under Mr. Griffith's instruction she improved rapidly and

"The girl with the saddest face in |

Paylowa Pleas Oriental Play. Now that Anna Pavlowa, the great



Mae Harsh.

This is Mae Marsh's latest ple ture. A photograph taken of he when she went to apply for a pos-

"The Conqueror," a coming Kar-

Bee-Triangle, with Willard Mack am Florence La Badie is learning Enid Markey, is an arraignment

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